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Comments: I am writing to comment on the proposed update to the revised management plan for the Custer Gallatin National Forest.

I support the designation of more Wilderness Areas. There are several areas that have been wilderness study areas in the forest that would be best managed as wilderness without motorized travel or other intrusive impacts. In general I think that since it is already possible to drive a vehicle to almost anyplace on the Earth, that reserving some areas as Wilderness as undisturbed natural ecosystems is very important.

I support the following initiatives specifically;

Protecting the Crazy Mountains to preserve their outstanding wilderness values and managing the area in close consultation with the Crow Nation

Protecting the following roadless areas in the Pryor Mountains as recommended Wilderness: Lost Water, Big Pryor, Punch Bowl, and Bear Canyon

Implementing the Gallatin Forest Partnership agreement

Maintaining the boundaries of the current recommended Wilderness in the Lionhead

Retain areas currently recommended for Wilderness in the Absaroka Beartooth area, and additionally recommend Dome Mountain, Emigrant Peak, Chico Peak, Woodbine, East Rosebud to Stillwater, and Red Lodge Creek.

Managing the Tongue River Breaks, King Mountain, and Cook Mountain in the Ashland district as recommended Wilderness

Managing recommended Wilderness just like designated Wilderness, allowing only foot and horse travel in recommended Wilderness and not allowing any mechanized or motorized use

Thank you for considering my comments,

Gordon Levin